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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 6, 2002, applicant elects Group I without traverse, on which claims 1-9 and 15-26 are readable..

Respectfully submitted,

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